from the Fair Price Shops during December, 1994 and January, 1995 onwards; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken/proposed to be taken to supply full quota of sugar to the Fair Price Shops during the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that adequate supply of sugar could not be made to a number of Fair Price Shops during December, 1994 and January, 1995. No such specific complaint was received from any other State Government/UT Administration during the same period.

(b) Reluctance of the fair price shop owners in Delhi to accept imported sugar and problems of co-ordination between Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation are reported to be the reasons for inadequate supply of sugar to Fair Price Shops in Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that they have taken over the distribution of levy sugar from FCI with effect from March, 1995. The validity period for lifting of sugar quota for December, 1994 and January, 1995 was suitably extended by the Central Government.

Subsidy on Food Items to Super Bazar

5812. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to the Super Bazar by Government on food items has been increased during 1994-95 and 1995-96 in comparison to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase made therein and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the per quintal economic cost of rice, sugar and other foodgrains evaluated by the Super Bazar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Super Bazar has not received any subsidy from the Government in respect of food items.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

सुपर बाजार की लेखा-परीक्षा रिपोर्ट

5813. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या 1993-94 और 1994-95 के वर्षों के लिए सहकारी भण्डारों (सुपर बाजार) की लेखा-परीक्षा रिपोर्ट सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी गई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इसमें कुछ अनियमितताओं तथा कमियों की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसमें हुई वित्तीय अनियमितताओं के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए लेखा-परीक्षा पूरी कर ली गयी है;

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) से (घ) सुपर बाजार की वर्ष 1993-94 की लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट को सुपर बाजार की आम सभा द्वारा 22.4.95 को हुई अपनी बैठक में अनुमोदित कर दिया गया था। संसद के दोनों सदनों के पटल पर रखने के लिए उक्त रिपोर्ट अभी सरकार को प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ङ) जी नहीं।

(च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(छ) इस बारे में कोई देरी नहीं हुई है, क्योंकि वित्तीय वर्ष 1994-95 हाल में 31 मार्च, 1995 को समाप्त हुआ है।

SCCL Strike

5814. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the 'Financial Express' dated 28th April, 1995 captioned "Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) strike becomes critical with closure of 60 mines";

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken so far by Government to solve the crisis as SCCL which is the main coal source for NTPC Super Thermal Stations at Ramagundam and other power plants in the State; and

(d) whether the Joint Bipartite Committee for coal industry at its meeting in Calcutta recently was apprised of the developments at the Collieries; if so, what action has been taken to avert the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Singareni All Accociations Joint Action Committee had spearheaded the strike in Singareni Collieries Company Limited from 14.4.1995 to 3.5.1995. Their main demand was early settlement of National Coal Wage Agreement-V. The strike which affected 62 out of the 71 mines of SCCL, had an adverse impact on coal production and despatch from the company. Coal supplies to power plants in Andhra Pradesh were made up from alternative sources of Coal India Limited to maintain power generation.

(d) Members of Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry-V were alive to the developments. They signed a memorandum of understanding on the terms of the Wage Agreement on 29.4.1995. The strike was subsequently called off on 3.5.1995.

Purchase of power supported Longwal faces by subsidiaries of CIL

5815. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of power supported Longwal faces purchased by different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited;

(b) what is the total number of power supported Longwal faces working in different subsidiaries;

(c) what are the reasons of failure of these power supported Longwal faces other than so called geo-mining condition; and

(d) who has been made accountable for these failures causing huge loss of production and loss of money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) 17 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces have been purchased till-date by the different subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd.

(b) 10 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces are currently working in different subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.

(c) 3 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces have completed their rated life. 3 Powered Support Longwal Faces had to be withdrawn from use due to adverse Geo-Mining conditions. Churcha PSLW face collapsed within two months of its commissioning due to roof collapse and is due to be revamped.

(d) Non-operation of 4 out of 7 PSLW sets cannot be attributed to failure of individuals.